



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2837**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

YAMADA et al.

Art Unit: 2837

Application No.: 09/359,793

Examiner: M. Fletcher

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Docket No.: 107156-09038

For: **AUDIO SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS**

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 4, 2002

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In response to the outstanding Office Action dated December 4, 2001, having been duly extended from March 4, 2002 until April 4, 2002, by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 7 as follows:

1. (Twice amended) An audio signal processing apparatus capable of changing the tempo of an input audio signal, said apparatus comprising:

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